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Warning to Mr K.T. Bhashyam not to incite the labourers of the Binny Mills to strike

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30/8/41

THE BANGALORE WOOLLEN, COTTON & SILK MILLS CO., LD.

CS 12-41-89

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
WOOLLEN BANGALORE.

TELEPHONE No. 2037.

BANGALORE CITY, 28th July 1941.

Dear Mr. Ramanathan,

I enclose copy of a report of a Meeting which is supposed to have taken place at Chick Lalbagh on Sunday 27th July. The report has been given to us from a reliable source. I am seeing Mr. Venkatesa Iyengar this evening about this meeting.

Yours sincerely,
enclosed

Rajasevaprasaktha
A. V. Ramanathan, B-A.
Member of Council,
BANGALORE.

OFFICE OF THE MINISTER FOR LAW
JUL 28 1941
No. M S 3

Chief Secy with Compliments
Drastic action would be necessary if there is incitement
to Strike
Please consult Labour Comr,
I.G.P. & Home Sgt.
28/7 CB.
28.7.41

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Draft letter to the D.M. is Annd. The police report received from the D.M. is also put up.

Appd.
Issue & Submit to Dewan for perusal.
29.7.41

P.S. to D. II

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CHIEF SECRETARY.
29. JUL. 1941
GOVT. OF MYSORE.

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To the Dt. Magistrate, Bangalore, and copy to the I.G.P. and the Labor Commr., No.379 CB dated 29th July 41 invites attention to the speech of Mr. K.T.Bhashyam, and calls for a report regarding the action to be taken if he persists in such speeches in future.

DEWAN'S OFFICE
JUL 1941
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Subd. for perusal.

Dewan)

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CC 2 dated 7-8-41 from the D.C Bangalore states that he sent for Mr K.T. Bhashyam & warned him that if he persisted in inciting the labourers to strike drastic action will be taken against him & that he assured the D.C that he had no intention of promoting a strike &

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CB

Meeting of the Bangalore Textile Labour Union at Chick Lal Bagh held on Sunday 27th July 1941.

Present about 2,000

Mr.Puttashankarappa - "The Binny Mill workers may be perturbed concerning the Bonus Question. There is no need to worry, because it has been passed by the Government Enquiry Officer, that the Management's action was unjustified and the Workpeople's cause was just. Our President Mr.Bashyam is now going to speak about this matter."

Mr. K.T. Bashyam - " A separate Labour Commissioner has been appointed as a result of the recent strikes. An Enquiry Officer was also appointed to enquire into the Binny Mill Strike. And since the Maharajah and the Minerva Mills Strike a Committee has been formed, which had it been formed earlier, the Management of these Mills would not have been so indifferent to the requests of the workers. This Committee has only one of our members on it, even then don't feel sorry for that. This Committee has drafted a new Labour Act, which permits each Mill to have a separate Union with two outsiders in each. But they prohibit members of one Union having any dealings with the other Unions. We do not approve of this. But we advocate that there should be no such restrictions. We will be successful in this. Also regarding Union Finances, the Government wish to scrutinise all expenditure. We as well as our Congress will not approve of this. We like to spend our own subscriptions in any manner we think fit. We think that the Government is enforcing this for some political motive.

Six months back, the Government promised to appoint an Enquiry Officer and asked us to resume work promising us that there would be no difficulties. Accordingly we did so. Following the last Strike the Management called certain Strike Committee Members and told them that they would not be given their Bonus. We will refer this matter to the Government and tell you."

The speaker asked the audience to lift their hands if they were prepared to receive their Bonus even though the above leaders were deprived of theirs. Nobody lifted his hand.

He then asked them if they would receive the bonus in case the above leaders were also given theirs. Everyone lifted his hand.

"If the Government does not deal with these questions justly, there may be a general strike involving about 15,000 workers.

Please attend the Meeting to be held next Sunday."

301/CB

Mr. M. SESHADRI, M.A.,
Deputy Commissioner.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
BANGALORE.

Dated .....28th July,..... 1941.

D. O. CC. 6/41-42.
Enc: One.

Secretary
Law Minister) 29.7.41

Dear Mr. Kesavaiengar,

I am sending herewith for favour of perusal, the report No. CC.3/41-42 dated to-day, about the proceedings of a meeting of the -- labourers held on the 27th instant, in the - Municipal Gardens, at 6-15 P.M., received from the Superintendent of Police, Bangalore City.

Yours sincerely,

M. Seshadri

RAJASEVAPRASAKTA
B. T.Kesavaiengar, Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Mysore,
Bangalore.

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Form No. 24]

MYSORE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

In reply, please quote number, date and short title.*

Received.....*Registered*.....

From (Name) M. Wynne, Esquire,

(Designation) Superintendent of Police,

Post Box....., (STATION) .....Bangalore city.....

Telegraphic Address.....Polsup.....

To

The Deputy Commissioner,

Bangalore District, Bangalore.

SECRET.

CC No. 3 C.C. dated July 28, 1941.

SIR,

ENCLOSURES.....

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SPARE COPIES.....

I have the honour to state that a meeting of the labourers was held yesterday, (27-7-41) in the Municipal Gardens, at 6.15 p.m. when Messrs. Puttashankarappa and K.T. Bhashyam addressed the gathering. Mr. Puttashankarappa, Vice-President of the Labour Union, addressing the gathering regretted that the workers of the Binnys' Mills have not been evincing interest in the Labour Union and that most of them have not been paying the Union's subscription regularly. He exhorted them to appreciate the strength of the Union and come within its fold.

Mr. K.T. Bhashyam then addressed the gathering in Kannada. He regretted that despite due notice being given to the labourers for the holding of the meeting, the gathering was very poor. He, therefore, thought it wise to postpone what he had to say for another meeting. He then dwelt upon some provisions of the intended labour legislation discussed by the Committee appointed by Government. He argued that while he had no objection for the formation of different Unions for the various Mills, he would not subscribe to the idea of preventing any person from becoming a member of one or more Unions. He also stated that Government should not

not interfere in the matter of expenditure of the Union funds. He also advised the workers of the Binnys' Mills not to accept less than 10% bonus. He was at a loss to know that the Management of the Binnys' Mills had decided not to pay bonus for 10 of its workers and warned that should the Management persisted in the same, the workers would have to resort to another strike.

He was glad that for the first time, Mr. A.V. Ramanathan had been appointed as a Minister for labour. The Labour Commissioner was in the position to give advice, but had no powers to insist either on the Management or on the labourers. The intended legislation, he stated, sought to enforce certain rules and regulations for the guidance of the capitalists and appoint a court for settlement of labour disputes. He was not completely happy at the appointment of a Minister for labour, for he was not responsible to the people. He wished for the day when there would be a Minister for labour appointed by the labourers.

Concluding, he exhorted the gathering to wear khaddar caps, to come in larger numbers to the next meeting, to join the congress and to support the labour Union.

The meeting terminated at about 7.45 p.m. The gathering was poor and ranged between 200 and 250.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Superintendent of Police,
Bangalore city.

No. 379/CB. 12-41-90

29th July 41.

CONFIDENTIAL.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter No.C.C.6 dated the 28th July 1941 forwarding a copy of the Police report about the meeting of the labourers held on the 27th July 1941 in the Municipal gardens, I am desired to invite your attention to the remark made by Mr. K. T. Bhashyam, stating that if the management still persists in their attitude regarding the question of bonus, the workers would have to resort to another strike. Strong action would be necessary if there is any incitement to strike in the Mills. I am to request you to consult the Labour Commissioner and the Inspector General of Police in the matter and submit a report to Government as to the action that has to be taken in case Mr. Bhashyam persists in his attitude.

A copy of this communication has also been forwarded to the Labour Commissioner and the Inspector General of Police.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) B. T. Kesavaiengar,
Chief Secretary to Government.

M. Seshadri, Esqr., B.A.,
District Magistrate, Bangalore District.

Memo No. 381-81/CB ... 29.7.41

Copy of the above is forwarded, with compliments, to the Labour Comm., and the I.G.P.

Chief Secretary to Government.

Confdl. No 379/CB 12-41-20
& 29.7.41.

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Yours sincerely,

MS
29.7.41

M. Seshadri Esq.,M.A.,
Dist. Magistrate, B'Lore.

No 380-81/CB & 29.7.41.

Copy to the Labour Commr. and the I.G.P.

Mr. M. SESHADRI, M.A.,
Deputy Commissioner.

CB 12-41-91 413/CB

BANGALORE

Dated .....7th August,..... 194 1.

D. O.....CC.2/41-42.

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Dear Mr. Kesavaiengar,

With reference to your D.O. letter No. 379/CB dated the 29th July 1941, about the action to be taken against Mr. K. T. Bhashyam, in connection with his Labour Activities, I write to say that I consulted the Labour Commissioner and the Inspector-General of Police on this matter. All the three of us felt that it would be enough for the present if I sent for Mr. Bhashyam and gave him a warning. Accordingly, I sent for Mr. Bhashyam on the 2nd instant and drew his attention to his recent speeches delivered at the meetings of the labourers and I have warned him that if he persisted in inciting the labourers to strike, drastic action would have to be taken against him. He assured me that he had no intention of provoking a strike and that he was always ready for a peaceful solution of the labour problems.

Mr. Bhashyam has not since addressed any meetings of the labourers in Bangalore or elsewhere. As a matter of fact, he is absenting himself from these meetings on some excuse or other. From the subsequent Police Reports, copies of which I have already sent to you, it will be observed that there has been a marked improvement in the tone of the speeches delivered at labour meetings.

I have already reported these facts personally to the Law Minister and should any occasion arise for - taking definite action against Mr. Bhashyam, I shall seek

the

instructions of Government.

Yours sincerely,

RAJASEVAPRASAKTA
B. T. Kesavaiengar, Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of Mysore,
Bangalore.